

# House File 361 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a children's mental health and disability  
2 services advisory council.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.    217.11   Children's mental health and  
2   disability services advisory council.

1. A children's mental health and disability services advisory council is established to advise the department of human services on planning and implementation issues, best and emerging practices, and outcomes relating to mental health and disability services for children in this state. The council shall consist of fifteen members and shall be composed of a diverse group of stakeholders in order to ensure that a broad range of voices, representative of persons who receive or are involved with children's mental health and disability services, help shape Iowa's children's system of mental health and disability services care. Council members should include family members, service recipients or former service recipients, providers of services, academics, members of the juvenile justice system, and other persons with an interest in ensuring a strong, effective children's mental health and disability service system.

2. Council members shall be appointed by the director and shall serve three-year staggered terms for terms beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. Vacancies on the council shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the original appointment. Members are entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

25      3. All council meetings shall be public meetings.

26 4. The council shall submit an annual report to include  
27 a summary of the council's activities, progress, and  
28 recommendations to the department by December 15.

29	EXPLANATION
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30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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10 juvenile justice system, and other persons with an interest  
11 in ensuring a strong, effective children's mental health and  
12 disability service system.  
13 The bill includes provisions relating to the appointment  
14 and reimbursement of council members and includes a reporting  
15 requirement.